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TAGS: SCEG, KS

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF PEARL BUCK FOUNDATION PROPERTY IN SOSA

1. IN TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER, MR.

DANIEL BAILY, PEARL BUCK (PB) FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR IN PHILADELPHIA, REQUESTED ASSISTANCE TO  
PREVENT ROKG SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN SOSA CLAIMED BY  
FOUNDATION.

2. PER HIS REQUEST, EMBOFF CHECKED MATTER WITH PB  
FOUNDATION KOREA REPRESENTATIVE REV. STANLEY MOEN AND  
OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (MHSA)  
REGULATING ACTIVITIES OF SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO STORY OBTAINED FROM MOEN AND MHSA,  
FOUNDATION HAD ESTABLISHED PB OPPORTUNITY CENTER, A  
VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MIXED BLOOD CHILDREN IN  
EARLY 1960'S, BUT Owing TO LACK OF STUDENTS AND FUNDS,  
THIS SCHOOL WAS CLOSED IN 1972 AND WITH MHSA APPROVAL CERTAIN  
FOUNDATION REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS WERE USED TO MEET  
SCHOOL'S DEBT OBLIGATIONS. SOLE RESIDUAL ASSET IS  
PARCEL OF LAND NOW VALUED AT W 16 MILLION (33,260)  
WHICH MUST BE LIQUIDATED ASAP. UNDER ROKG CIVIL CODE  
ARTICLE 80, PARA 2, SUCH PROPERTY OR ASSETS MUST EITHER  
BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER KOREAN AGENCY DOING SIMILAR  
APPROVED SOCIAL WORK OR MUST BE DONATED TO ROKG.

4. PB FOUNDATION WANTS TO HAVE FREE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR  
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ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MIXED BLOOD

ORPHANS, BUT ROKG SAYS THAT SINCE FOUNDATION DOES NOT HAVE  
LEGAL STATUS OF APPROVED EDUCATIONAL AGENCY IT IS NOT  
ELIGIBLE TO USE THESE FUNDS. NOR CAN IT ESTABLISH ITS  
OWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SOLELY ON BASIS OF LAND VALUE  
SINCE THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO QUALIFY IT FOR FOUNDATION  
STATUS. MHSAs OFFICIALS SAY THAT PB FOUNDATION HAS ONLY  
TWO OPTIONS UNDER LAW: (1) IT CAN ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND JOINTLY WITH A QUALIFIED INSTITUTION OR AGENCY ENGAGED  
IN EDUCATIONAL WORK OR THE OPERATION OF ORPHANAGES; OR  
(2) IT CAN PERMIT THE FUNDS TO GO THE THE MHSAs.

5. REV. MOEN CLAIMS HE HAS MADE THIS POSITION CLEAR TO  
FOUNDATION, WHICH APPARENTLY UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THIS AS  
FINAL WORD. UPON EMBASSY REQUEST MINISTRY HAS AGREED  
TO DELAY SALE OF PROPERTY FOR A FEW MONTHS TO GIVE  
FOUNDATION MORE TIME TO DECIDE ON SOLUTION. HOWEVER,  
UNDER PRESENT LAW MHSAs FEELS IT CANNOT ACCORD PB  
FOUNDATION EXCEPTIONAL TREATMENT. IN NO CASE COULD  
THE FUNDS BE RETURNED TO THE PB FOUNDATION FOR  
DEFRAYING CURRENT EXPENSES OR TO BE REPATRIATED TO US.  
NOR COULD EMBASSY INTERVENE IN SUCH CASE SINCE THERE IS  
NO EVIDENCE OF UNFAIR OR ILLEGAL TREATMENT.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S INFORMING PB FOUNDATION  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAILY OF FOREGOING.

7. TEXT OF BAILY'S TELEGRAM TO AMBASSADOR FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR INQUIRY AND  
ASSISTANCE REGARDING KOREAN GOVERNMENT ACTION PENDING  
FEBRUARY 28, 1975 TO FORCE DISPOSITION OF PEARL BUCK  
FOUNDATION PROPERTY THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDING. OUR  
KOREAN DIRECTOR REVEREND STANLEY MOEN HAS HAD COMM G (SIC)  
REQUEST YOU CONTACT REVEREND MOEN FOR DETAILS. REQUEST  
YOU PETITION KOREAN GOVERNMENT FOR DELAY UNTIL APRIL 27  
WHEN I WILL BE IN KOREA. REVEREND MOEN'S ADDRESS IS  
25 SHIM KOK RI DO BUCHON CITY KYONGGI-DO, HIS PHONE  
NUMBER INCHON 53-252. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH KOREAN  
AMBASSADOR WASHINGTON WITH SYMPATHETIC RECEPTION  
THROUGH DOCTOR ROY U.T. KIM WHO IS MEMBER OUR  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE ARE RETAINING ATTORNEY IN SEOUL.  
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END TEXT.  
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